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England lost Normandy

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Crusaders Capture and
Sack Constantinople.

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2nd capture of Constantinople and sack;
Crusaders divide the spoils,
Venice taking the lion's share.
Baldwin of Flanders emperor.

Timur conquers the Kerait Tartars!

Philip Augustus Captured Château Gaillard
The Seizure of Richard I's castle leads to
England's loss of Normandy.

Philip II, known as Philip Augustus (To French
throne 1180) when the Anglo-Norman Empire
was at its height. He seized the opportunity presented
by King Richard I's absence on the Third
Crusade to occupy large portions of the English
domain in France. Richard recovered some of it in
2 yrs of warfare, which ended in Treaty of Lodiécks (1196)
to regain what he built Château Gaillard on the

under of Normandy. Richard was killed in 1199 & in 1200
the barons of Brittany and Maine rose in revolt vs.
his successor (King John). John withdrew to England
and refused to attend Philip's court to answer charges
with respect with his marriage to Isabella (daughter of
the Count of Angouleme). Philip declared John had for-
feited his French lands & launched a campaign to en-
force the judgment. In 1204, after 8 mo siege, Chateau-
Gaillard surrendered to Philip's forces. Normandy,
Anjou, Maine and Brittany passed to the French
Crown and John was left with only Gascony
and the Channel Islands.

Crusaders attacked Constantinople and established Latin kingdoms on the eastern shore of the Mediterranean.

By the 14th century the empire was little more than Constantinople itself.

1204 Constantinople falls to the crusaders.
The emperor flees as a Latin empire
and patriarchy are established (A)
The 4th (fourth) crusade, called by Pope
Innocent III to promote the cause of the Pope,
turned out instead to be an almost exclusively
commercial venture. The band of French and
Flemish crusaders who set out in 1199 under
Boniface (marquis of Montferrat) hired ships from
Venice at considerable cost and, when they
were unable to raise the money, paid
Venice by conquering Zara, the Christian port

Constantople.

That Christian assault on the world's greatest Christian city was a dreadful moment in the history of Byzantium one from which it never really recovered. Manuscripts were burned, paintings stolen & bronze sculptures melted down or carried off (including the 4 horses which until 1981 stood on the gallery above the entrance to St Mark's Basilica in Venice)

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Plague

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North Africa

death of Maimonides in FOSTAT
(old Cairo)

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(1171-1206) BALDWIN I

First Latin Emperor of Constantinople
Son of Baldwin VIII, Count of Flanders
and Hainault. In 1195 he became
Count of Flanders. In 1201 he placed his
brother in command and went to the
Fourth Crusade. On the way, he,
with others, assisted the Venetians
at Zara against the King of Hungary.
While there, Young Alexius son of

ISAAC II, Byzantine emperor, asked the aid
of the Crusaders to punish his uncle,
ALEXIUS ANGELUS, who had deposed
and blinded his father ISAAC II. The

latter was restored, but Alexius had
difficulty in keeping the promises made to the Crusaders
& the Venetians. They rose against him and slew
him, then took Constantinople & seized the throne.
Baldwin was declared emperor in 1204. In the division
Venice took most of the empire leaving only
Constantinople & Thrace to Baldwin. Being unable
to cope with the situation he was defeated and taken
prisoner in a rebellion of Greeks and died mysteriously
in 1205. He was succeeded by his brother HENRY.

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(1108-1205) Enrico DAN'DOLO

Doge of Venice. Member of one of the 12 great families of Venice. He helped the 4th Crusade with money and ships and was present at (1204) the siege of Constantinople. He is the "Mold Old DANDOLO, the octogenarian chief, "Byzantium's conquering foe" of Byron's "Childe Harold".

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GOTTORM the Child was King
of Norway.

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Crusade

Latin empire was established
Baldwin was emperor.

Venetians were given many
Coast districts and Islands.

Marquis of MONT FERRAT made
King of THESSALONICA

French dukes were in ACHAIA,
ATHENS

Greek empire was established at

at Nicaea by Theodore Lascaris
Empire of TREBIZOND was established
on coast of the PONTUS EUXINUS by
a descendant of the COMNENES.

During the Crusades, a large expedition of crusading filibusters attacked Constantinople by land & sea and finally entered the city. Their work of plundering knew no bounds. A large part of the city was burned. Those who resisted were killed without mercy. An immense booty was

divided among the invaders.

Shroud of Turin

During the course of the 4th Crusade, the Crusaders captured Constantinople. A Frenchman named Otto de la Roche came into possession of a linen cloth as part of the spoils. Measured 1.10 meters in width \times 4.36 meters in length. It contained marks of a human body, which must have measured 1.8 meters in height.

Otto de la Roche took it with him back to France

1204-1261

LATIN EMPIRE OF CONSTANTINOPLE

It was a feudal empire in the S. Balkans and Greek archipelago, founded by the leaders of the 4th Crusade. Its government was divided between the Crusaders and their Venetian creditors. The rulers were BALDWIN I; HENRY of Flanders; ROBERT of COURTEINAY; and BALDWIN II. The empire almost began to decline from internal strife and attack by the Bulgars, Turks,

and Greek states of Nicaea and EPIROS
was taken 1261 by Michael VIII of Nicaea
who restored the Byzantine Empire.

However, Venice retained most of the
Dodecanese Isles.

The Villehardouin family of
France kept ACHAIA and Athens
under Catalan rule